

Question on Notice

No. 318

Asked on 30 March 2022

MR BOOTHMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the 23 March 2022 Gold Coast Bulletin article relating to the riverbank upstream from the John Muntz Bridge 'A flood-hit riding club will be relocated to save ratepayers \$8m', reported Gold Coast City Councillor comments, 'At some time it (the river) will sort itself out,' and the likelihood Council will allow erosion to continue unabated and potentially severing Tamborine Oxenford Road again—

Will the Minister advise what plans Transport and Main Roads has to protect this crucially important arterial road?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

As the Member was previously advised in responses to Questions on Notice 697 and 1177—tabled on 25 June 2021 and 11 November 2021 respectively—Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) is leading a project to repair the erosion upstream of the John Muntz Bridge. The Tamborine–Oxenford Road John Muntz Bridge riverbank restoration project is driven by GCCC and the Palaszczuk Government has made a 50 per cent funding contribution of \$925,000, as listed in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2021–22 to 2024–25*.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) continues to monitor the condition of Tamborine–Oxenford Road and John Muntz Bridge through its inspection program, and, on commencement of a GCCC project, TMR will monitor its progress to ensure that any works undertaken upstream outside of the state-controlled road corridor, do not impact the bridge or the concrete causeway. I would reiterate that any further enquiries regarding the riverbank erosion at this location should be directed to GCCC.